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COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT AND STORAGE MEDIUM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper and are with reference to the English language translation submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.